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Greene County Woman Guilty of Fraud

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS (December 5, 2006) —State Insurance Commissioner Julie Benafield Bowman announced the recent conviction of Nancy Fletcher of Paragould to one count of Fraudulent Insurance Acts, a Class A misdemeanor. Fletcher, age 45, entered a negotiated plea of guilty in Greene County Circuit Court and was sentenced on August 14, 2006, to twelve months probation and the performance of 60 hours of community service. She was ordered to pay a \$250.00 fine, \$450.00 restitution, and \$200.00 in court costs. Fletcher was accused of submitting a forged “Attending Physician’s Statement” in support of her claim for continuing disability payments.

Jacquie Harper, one of seven investigators with the Arkansas Insurance Department’s Criminal Investigation Division, was the lead investigator in the Fletcher case. Any citizen who knows or suspects an instance of insurance fraud should contact the division at its toll free hotline (866) 660-0888. To learn more about the Criminal Investigation Division, visit its Web site at www.fightfraud.arkansas.gov.

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